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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING OF ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP
(APAG)

1. ON MARCH 26, APAG CHAIRMAN KASTL CIRCULATED PROPOSED
OUTLINE FOR JUNE 4-7 APAG DISCUSSION. FULL TEXT OF OUTLINE
BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON KASTL'S
SUGGESTED OUTLINE.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER NOTE:

OUTLINE FOR THE APAG DISCUSSION

ATTACHED IS A POSSIBLE SHCEMA FOR THE DISCUSSIONS AT
THE FORTHCOMING APAG MEETING ON "FUTURE TRENDS IN EAST/WEST
RELATIONS" TO TAKE PLACE IN PORTUGAL BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH
JUNE.

2. THE SUBJECT IS A VERY BROAD ONE AND IT WILL BE SEEN
FROM THE SCHEMA THAT THE BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN VERY WIDELY.
PARTICIPANTS WILL, HOWEVER, WISH TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE
PURPOSE IS TO TAKE A MIDDLE-TERM RATHER THAN A SHORT-TERM
VIEW, AND THE MEETING SHOULD AVOID DUPLICATING WORK BEING
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DONE ELSEWHERE ON IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THE
CSCE AND MBFR.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ANY COMMENTS ON THE SCHEMA AS

WELL AS WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCUSSION COULD BE RECEIVED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

4. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT THE DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD ON AN "UNINSTRUCTED" BASIS WITH A VIEW TO ITS BEING AS FREE AND UNINHIBITED AS POSSIBLE.

5. A DETAILED PROGRAMME WILL BE CIRCULATED AS SOON AS THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEETING WILL LAST FROM AROUND MIDDAY ON TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE, UNTIL THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE.

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BEGIN TEXT OUTLINE:

FUTURE TRENDS IN EAST/WEST RELATIONS

IN THE CASE OF SUCH A BROAD SUBJECT, IT WOULD NOT SEEM REALISTIC TO SEEK TO ARRIVE AT PRECISE CONCLUSIONS. A MORE PRACTICAL APPROACH IS PROBABLY TO LOOK AT A RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES. THIS MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN THREE STAGES:

(I) AN EXAMINATION OF THE FACTORS AFFECTING EAST/WEST RELATIONS;

(II) BASED ON THAT EXAMINATION, THE OUTLINING OF POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR HOW EAST/WEST RELATIONS MAY DEVELOP;

(III) THE DRAWING OF ANY LESSONS FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE.

(I) FACTORS AFFECTING EAST/WEST RELATIONS

(A) DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE
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MILITARY AND STRATEGIC, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, IDEOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL;

(B) DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WEST-THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE (DEFENSIVE CAPACITY AND POLITICAL SOLIDARITY), EUROPEAN UNITY, ECONOMIC PROSPECTS TAKING ACCOUNT OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIAL PROBLEMS, DEVELOPMENTS IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THINKING;

(C) DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH EAST AND WEST-THE FAR EAST (SOVIET/CHINESE RELATIONS, JAPAN'S FUTURE), THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN.

(II) POSSIBLE SCENARIO

IN ADVANCE OF DISCUSSION OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING EAST/WEST RELATIONS, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SEEK TO INDICATE WHAT MIGHT BE THE MOST REALISTIC SCENARIOS AND THEREFORE THOSE MOST WORTHWHILE ELABORATING. BROADLY SPEAKING HOWEVER, THE AIM MIGHT BE TO LOOK AT TWO MAIN POSSIBILITIES, A MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC FORECAST AND A MORE PESSIMISTIC ONE.

(III) LESSONS FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE

THIS WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO ANALYSE FROM THE DATA OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE SCENARIOS, BROAD LESSONS FOR THE POLICIES OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES AND THE MAIN PITFALLS TO BE AVOIDED.

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